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An Act to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to welfare programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1 is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section ____.

(a) The commissioner of human services is authorized, pursuant to the requirements of subsections (b) and (c), to immediately implement technical changes necessary as a result of federal legislation designed to reform welfare programs which are, or may be in the future, administered by the department of human services or other appropriate state agencies.

(b) It is the intent of the general assembly that any modifications to the state's welfare programs be implemented as required or permitted by federal law. Notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary, the department shall, therefore, have the authority to immediately implement any federal legislative changes by public necessity rules; provided, however, permanent rules shall be promulgated pursuant to the provision of Section 4-5-201 et seq.

(c) For purposes of this section, "welfare program" shall be defined as any federal or state means tested program administered by the department of human services, or any child support enforcement program administered by the department of human services pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act authorized by P.L. 101-392, and the Adult Education Act, authorized by P.L. 100-297, as amended by the National Literacy Act of 1991, P.L. 102-73.

SECTION 2.

Section _____. All departments or agencies of the state of Tennessee shall cooperate with the department of human services in any efforts to implement the modification of the state's welfare programs which occur as the result of federal legislation directing or authorizing the state of Tennessee to modify the state's welfare programs administered by department of human services.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.